

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005-270-G

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER A REGULATION SHOULD BE PROMULGATED REQUIRING RELOCATION OF CERTAIN METER SETS OR INSTALLATION OF SPLASH GUARDS ON THESE METER SETS

On September 20, 2005, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued a directive instructing its Staff to schedule a public hearing to address issues concerning the safety of certain types of gas meters that are widely used in South Carolina. This action was in response to a September 7, 2005 correspondence from the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) indicating that there may be a potential hazard arising from the use of certain meter set configurations. According to its letter, the ORS has prepared an official advisory for all gas system operators explaining that certain meter sets in service and affected by water spillage or rainwater runoff could result in over-pressure downstream of the meter if the regulator vent iced over during sub-freezing temperatures. The ORS recognized that the Commission is the rulemaking state agency for pipeline safety and provided the information in its letter for the Commission to determine whether a regulation should be promulgated requiring the relocation of certain meter sets or installation of splash guards on these meter sets. A copy of the ORS' letter can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov (Docket No. 2005-270-G). The Commission seeks to obtain more information to make an informed decision on this matter and therefore has scheduled a public hearing to receive additional information.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **November 22, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-270-G.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, and the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, on or before **November 22, 2005**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-270-G.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **November 22, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-270-G.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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